

# **EXHIBIT A**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT  
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES  
LLC REGARDING ADJUDICATION OF “NET EQUITY” ISSUE**

In accordance with an order (the “Order”) issued by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”) on September 16, 2009 in the above-captioned liquidation proceeding, you are receiving this Notice because you filed a customer claim (“Customer Claim”) for an account at Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (“BLMIS”) with Irving H. Picard, trustee (“Trustee”) for the substantively consolidated Securities Investor Protection Act (“SIPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa *et seq.*,<sup>1</sup> liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC and Bernard L. Madoff (collectively, “Debtors”).<sup>2</sup>

The Trustee hereby notifies all parties of the following:

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent references to SIPA shall omit “15 U.S.C.”

<sup>2</sup> In this case, the Filing Date is the date on which the Securities and Exchange Commission commenced its suit against BLMIS, December 11, 2008, which resulted in the appointment of a receiver for the firm. *See* Section 78lll(7)(B) of SIPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78 ll(7)(B).

The statutory framework for the satisfaction of Customer Claims in a SIPA liquidation proceeding provides that customers share pro rata in customer property to the extent of their Net Equity (as defined in section 78III(11) of SIPA, 15 U.S.C. §78III(11)), and to the extent that a customer's Net Equity exceeds his or her ratable share of customer property, SIPC shall advance funds to the SIPA trustee up to \$500,000 for securities for that customer.

It is the Trustee's position that for purposes of determining customer claims, each BLMIS customer's Net Equity will be determined by crediting the amount of cash deposited by the customer into his BLMIS account, less any amounts already withdrawn by him from his BLMIS customer account (the "cash in/cash out approach").

Certain customer claimants disagree with the Trustee as to the construction of the term Net Equity and how that term should be applied to determine the amount of the valid Customer Claim of each claimant. These customer claimants have asserted that Net Equity should be determined on the basis of each claimant's balance as shown on their November 30, 2008 account statement provided by BLMIS.

In order to resolve this issue in an orderly fashion, the Trustee moved before the Bankruptcy Court for an order setting a hearing date and briefing schedule on this issue. Accordingly, on September 16, 2009, the Order was issued, which sets forth the following schedule:

- a. On or before October 16, 2009, the Trustee shall file motion(s) to affirm certain customer claims determinations as to which objections have been filed, specifically with regard to the Trustee's Net Equity determinations (the "Motion(s)").
- b. In accordance with the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court on December 23, 2008 (the "Claims Procedures Order"), the Motion(s) shall identify those claimants who have filed objections to his determination of their customer claims for which he intends to schedule a hearing on the Net Equity issue (the "Objecting Claimants"), which Motions shall be filed on October 16, 2009.

- c. In support of the Motion(s), the Trustee shall file a memorandum of law and supporting papers setting forth the factual and legal bases for the Trustee's construction of the term Net Equity on the same date.
- d. The Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") shall file any brief with reference to the Motion(s) on or before October 16, 2009.
- e. The Objecting Claimants shall file their responses to the Motion(s) on or before November 13, 2009.
- f. Any Interested Parties who wish to file a brief in opposition to the Trustee's Motion(s) shall file their briefs on or before November 13, 2009.
- g. Any Interested Parties who wish to file a brief in support of the Trustee's Motion(s) shall file their briefs on or before December 11, 2009.
- h. To the extent that Interested Parties who filed briefs in accordance with paragraph g above raise issues, factual or legal, that have not been previously raised, Interested Parties who filed a brief in opposition to the Trustee's Motion(s) in accordance with paragraph f above may file a reply brief addressing such issues on or before December 21, 2009.
- i. The Trustee and SIPC shall file any reply papers on or before January 15, 2010.
- j. The Court has scheduled a hearing on the Motion on February 2, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., or such other time as the Court determines.
- k. The briefing to be submitted to the Court pursuant to the Order shall be limited to discussing the proper interpretation of Net Equity, specifically the following two issues:
  - 1. Whether a customer's Net Equity under SIPA is equal to "cash in/cash out"; or
  - 2. Whether a customer's Net Equity under SIPA is equal to the value of the securities positions and credit balance reflected in the customer's last statement.

The Trustee and Interested Parties shall reserve all rights, claims, and defenses as to any issues and/or arguments not resolved by the Court in connection with the briefing described herein on the Net Equity Issue.

Because you are receiving this Notice, you are entitled to file a response in the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the schedule order outlined above, without seeking leave of court. If you do file a response, you are required to submit a copy of or otherwise identify your filed customer claim at the time of filing your response. Irrespective of whether you file a response in accordance with the scheduling order as outlined above, you are entitled to, but need not, attend the hearing on this issue currently scheduled for February 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., to be held at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, Courtroom 623.

You are encouraged to check the Trustee's website, [www.madofftrustee.com](http://www.madofftrustee.com), as the hearing date approaches. Should there be an adjournment or other change to the hearing date, the Trustee will post notification of the new hearing date on his website.

In addition, all of the pleadings filed in accordance with the schedule outlined above will be posted to the Trustee's website and you are encouraged to access them, without charge, from that site.

Please be advised that when a final and unappealable court order is entered regarding "net equity," the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. You do not need to take any action in order to preserve your rights with regard to this issue.

Dated: September 18, 2009  
New York, New York

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Irving H. Picard, Esq.  
Trustee for the Liquidation of the  
Business of Bernard L. Madoff  
Investment Securities LLC